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SUBJ: SADAT AND WEIZMAN

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1. IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT SADAT'S POSITIVE REACTION TO WEIZMAN IS RECIPROCATED. AT ONE POINT IN OUR TALK OF LAST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, SADAT RELATED THAT WEIZMAN HAD TACKLED HIM ABOUT EGYPTIAN MILITARY INTENTIONS. HIS GENERALS, WEIZMAN HAD SAID, ESPECIALLY GUR AND GAZIT, INSIST THAT GOE INTENDS TO LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACK IN SINAI. THEY POINT TO EGYPTIAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENT ON WESTERN SIDE OF CANAL AND IN SINAI LIMITED ARMAMENTS ZONE. WEIZMAN HAD ASKED IF THIS IS INDEED THE EGYPTIAN INTENTION. ACCORDING SADAT, HE RESPONDED THAT GOE HAS NO SUCH INTENTION. EGYPTIAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS, INCLUDING MANEUVERS, WERE CONDUCTED IN RESPONSE ISRAELI MANEUVERS AND BECAUSE OF CONCERN ON PART EGYPTIAN MILITARY THAT ISRAEL MAY BE CONTEMPLATING A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE. HE COULD ASSURE WEIZMAN THAT EGYPT HAS NO HOSTILE INTENTION AND WANTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM PEACEFULLY. HE HOPED THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY CONCERNS ABOUT ISRAELI INTENTIONS WERE EQUALY UNJUSTIFIED. WEIZMAN HAD ASSURED HIM THAT ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION ATTACK EGYPT.

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WEIZMAN HAD ALSO NOTED THE PUBLIC REBUKE HE HAD GIVEN TO GUR FOR LATTER'S PUBLIC COMMENTS.

2. OUT OF THIS CONVERSATION HAD COME HIS UNDERSTANDING WITH ISRAEL AND THAT ISRAELI "SECURITY" CONCERNS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT (REF B). SADAT OBSERVED TO ME THAT EGYPTIAN "SECURITY" CONCERNS MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO

ACCOUNT, BUT HAD THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO MAKE THIS POINT
TO THE ISRAELIS DURING THE VISIT.

3. THERE IS ANOTHER AMUSING ASPECT ABOUT THE NEWLY
ORGANIZED SADAT/WEIZMAN MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY. AS
RECENTLY AS TWO MONTHS AGO SADAT ALWAYS SPOKE SCATHINGLY
OF WEIZMAN AS A LONG-TIME "WAR MONGER". AND CHAUVINIST.
NOW HE KEEPS REFERRING TO HIS FRIEND "EZER."

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